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Date: 26 Nov 89 20:51:03 GMT  
From: att!cbnewsc!psfales@ucbvax.Berkeley.EDU (Peter Fales)  
Subject: 220Mhz vs Unix-pc

In article <2261@jato.Jpl.Nasa.Gov>, lyman@jato.Jpl.Nasa.Gov (Peter T Lyman) writes:

> My unix-pc does a \*power-on-reset\* anytime I key my 220 Mhz handheld  
> unit, (in the same room). This does not happen with a 144 Mhz radio  
> nor a 440 Mhz radio.  
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> Is there any body out there with the same/similar experience?

I have had the same experience with a 144MHz handheld, though it only happens when the radio is within about three feet of the computer. It appeared (though I didn't want to experiment too many times trying it out :-)) that the power supply was shutting down while the transmitter was being keyed.

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Date: 27 Nov 89 03:23:03 GMT  
From: ingersoll!sxn@sun.com (Stephen X. Nahm)  
Subject: Holy Code Practice!

While tuning the dial this evening I heard W6ADO sending "code practice" at 7.1 MHz (about 6:30 pm PST Sunday). Here's a bit of the content:

"Fix our thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess. Be faithful to the one who appointed him - just as Moses was faithful in all God's use."

Kind of odd text for code practice, eh? (Unless W6AD0 is actually engaged in proselytizing.) Anyone know how long this has been going on?

Steve Nahm

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Date: 27 Nov 89 04:06:16 GMT  
From: brian@ucsd.edu (Brian Kantor)  
Subject: Holy Code Practice!

W6PDA (nee' WB6ZMS) in San Diego ran the complete New Testament as "code practice" for more than a year until his radio flamed out. That was several years ago, but I've heard other stations doing it at one place or another on the bands off and on for a long long time.

Must be a conspiracy.  
- Brian

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Date: 26 Nov 89 22:59:41 GMT  
From: medin@cod.nosc.mil (Ted Medin)  
Subject: iambic keyer question

I have just started to learn how to use an iambic keyer. I use my left hand for the keyer but friends have told me i should reverse the paddles function. My question is: is there some phycical reason for this? i.e. is the thumb better for sending dits??? Just dont see any reason for swithing the functions.  
73, ted  
n6trf

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Date: 26 Nov 89 19:47:37 GMT  
From: cs.utexas.edu!uwm.edu!ux1.cso.uiuc.edu!tank!eecaecps3xx!  
usenet@tut.cis.ohio-state.edu (Usenet file owner)  
Subject: Oldtimers: TV Ads Save Amateur Radio?

In a previous article kg19+@andrew.cmu.edu (Kurt A. Geisel) writes:  
>I seem to remember in my very early youth (12 years or younger, I

>can't remember exactly) there were a series of TV ads for Amateur Radio.  
>I saw them before I knew what Amateur Radio was, but I still remember  
>them and I think at least one of them starred Dick Van Dyke. Do any  
>"oldtimers" remember these?

Yes. I remember some of these PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS. I suppose I may be an old-timer by some standards; I am 27 and I've been licensed for 9 years.

I have about 15 different promos for Amateur Radio, on reel-to-reel. They "star" Dick Van Dyke, Lorne Green, Bob Hope, and a couple of others that I can't remember. They are in :10, :15, :30, :45, and :60 lengths. They are very well done, and I have had them played at radio stations before and during field day in the past. These promos directly support the ARRL. [I no longer can support the ARRL, however, because of their lack of response to their members concerns.]

>Are they even affordable today?

Notice that these are PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS. Radio and Television Broadcast stations will run PSAs for FREE!!!!!! Don't call them ads, or commercials; call them PSAs. (I know, I used to work for several different AM & FM BC stations.)

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Date: 26 Nov 89 16:59:51 GMT  
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Subject: RS Discone? Good or Bad?

The Radio Shack discone antenna has worked very well for me. I have it mounted on a 20 foot mast attached to the chimney on my one story house. I use it both with my PRO-2004 scanner and as a transmitting antenna with my 25 watt 2 meter rig. I am able to bring up repeaters about 100 miles away with this setup. As a receive antenna used with the PRO-2004 it is great. The wide bandwidth matches that of the scanner. So far the antenna has performed well for me across its advertised bandwidth.

I guess you could disassemble it and use it as a portable if you don't mind unscrewing the 16 rods that make up the disc and the cone.

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Date: Sun, 26 Nov 89 18:23:15 -0800  
From: judice@kyoa.enet.dec.com (Louis J. Judice 24-Nov-1989 1746)  
Subject: Scan the garbage trucks and waste dumps :-)

Now it's one thing to be able to buy frequencies allocated to your local police or DEA office. But entirely another to disclose critical information relating to the trash-removal industry and dump sites! Can you imagine this information in the wrong hands?

The next time someone puts green glass in the clear glass recycling container and gets away with it, because THEY could monitor the carting company frequencies, well, it's on your conscience, not mine.

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Date: 27 Nov 89 03:29:24 GMT  
From: tank!eeca!cps3xx!usenet@handies.ucar.edu (Usenet file owner)  
Subject: transverters

In article <530@mjbbtn.UUCP> root@mjbbtn.UUCP (Mark J. Bailey) writes:  
>Hello,  
>I am interested in getting more information about transverters that work  
>with an HF rig.

Good move. You will pay less than half the price that you would for a Japanese rice box, and at current performance levels, you will get twice the performance.

>What VHF/UHF bands can be used? What are some of your

Just about everything from 50 MHz to 10 GHz is now commercially available.

>personal experiences and comments on them? Who makes them and how can I  
>get in touch with some of these dealers/manufacturers? What I really want

I think the best are Microwave Modules, from Liverpool, and Single-Sideband Electronics, from someplace in W. Germany. They are

distributed in this country (USA) by a number of vendors.

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